

Practitioner's Docket No. Clearstrm-6**PATENT****REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
(BY INVENTOR(S) OR ASSIGNEE)**

(complete A or B)

**A. ☒ DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR(S)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is described and claimed in letters patent number 5,785,854, granted on July 28, 1998, and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent on the invention entitled CURRENT AND AERATION SYSTEM FOR WASTEWATER PLANT

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as reissue application number / and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).☒ I hereby declare that there is no assignee for this application.

NOTE: "Where no assignee exists, applicant should affirmatively state that fact. If the file record is silent as to the existence of an assignee, it will be presumed that no assignee exists." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., rev. 1, § 1410.01.

**B. ☐ DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE**

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may make the declaration, if the reissue application does not seek to enlarge the scope of the claims of the original patent. 37 C.F.R. § 1.172.

(type or print name of declarant)

Title

of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of company or legal entity on whose behalf declarant is authorized to sign

declare that I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ and resident of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, that the entire title to letters patent number \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_

granted on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor(s)

is vested in \_\_\_\_\_

Name of company or legal entity

that I believe said named inventor(s) to be an original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed*) or an original, first and part inventor (*if plural names are listed*) of the subject matter that is described and claimed in the aforesaid letters patent and in the foregoing specification and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

- ☒ In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

*NOTE: A "claim" for the benefit of an earlier filing date in a foreign country under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) must be made in a reissue application even though such a claim was made in the application on which the original was granted. However, no additional certified copy of the foreign application is necessary. M.P.E.P., 6th ed., rev. 1, § 1417.*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

*(complete C or D)*

- C. ☒ No such applications have been filed.  
D. ☐ Such applications have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

Country	Application No.	Date of filing (day, month, year)	Date of issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
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				<input type="checkbox"/> YES    NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**


**BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**


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**STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS  
OR INVALIDITY OF ORIGINAL PATENT**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)

That I believe the original patent to be

- ☒ partly  
☐ wholly

inoperative or invalid by reason of (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1)):

*(check all items that may apply)*

- ☐ a defective specification  
☐ a defective drawing  
☒ the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent.

*NOTE: At least one error must be relied upon as the basis for the reissue. 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1).*

That the error listed above, which are being corrected, up to the time of the filing of this reissue declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(2).

*NOTE: For any error corrected not covered by this declaration applicant must submit, before allowance, a supplemental declaration stating that every such error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1).*

- ☐ Corroborating affidavits or declarations of others accompany this declaration.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

*(list name and registration number)*

C. James Bushman, Reg. No. 24,810; Loren G. Helmreich, Reg. No. 29,389; Carlos A. Torres, Reg. No. 24,264; Marvin B. Eickenroht, Reg. No. 17,279; and Eugene N. Riddle, Reg. No. 18,541

*(check the following item, if applicable)*

- ☐ I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
- ☐ Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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### SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

### DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: *(Name and telephone number)*

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C. James Bushman  
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☐ Customer Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**Signature(s)**☒ **BY THE INVENTOR(S)**

Full name of sole or first inventor Jerry McKinney  
 Inventor's signature *Jerry McKinney*  
 Date 7-15-00 Country of Citizenship United States of America  
 Residence Lumberton, Texas  
 Post Office Address 1202 North Main Street  
Lumberton, Texas 77657  
 Full name of second joint inventor, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **BY ASSIGNEE OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE**

NOTE: Even though inventor(s) do not sign, complete above information for inventor(s).

(complete the following, if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (type name of assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee

☐ Assignment recorded in PTO on \_\_\_\_\_

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Frame \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A separate ☐ "ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET"  
 or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is submitted herewith along with the assign-  
 ment \_\_\_\_\_

Practitioner's Docket No. Clearstrm-6**PATENT****REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR, OFFER TO SURRENDER  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.178)**

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

1. The undersigned applicant of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of letters patent for the improvement in CURRENT AND AERATION SYSTEM FOR WASTEWATER PLANT Patent number 5,785,854 granted to him/her on July 29, 1998, of which

☒ he/she is now sole owner,☐

is now sole owner by assignment, and on whose behalf and with whose assent the accompanying application is made,

☐ The "ASSENT BY THE ASSIGNEE" to this reissue application is attached.

hereby offers to surrender the original patent upon granting of the reissue application.

Date:

7-15-00

Signature(s)

Jerry McKinney

(type or print name(s))

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10\***  
(Express Mail label number is mandatory.)  
(Express Mail certification is optional.)

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date \_\_\_\_\_, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Mailing Label Number EL362272395US, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

(type or print name of person mailing paper)

Signature of person mailing paper

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"Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.  
(Reissue Application by the Inventor, Offer to Surrender (37 C.F.R. § 1.178)—Assent of Assignee  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Docket No.  
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Serial No.  
To Be Assigned

Filing Date  
Herewith

Patent No.

Issue Date

Applicant/ Jerry McKinney  
Patentee:

Invention: Current and Aeration System for Wastewater Plant

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled above and described in:

- ☒ the specification to be filed herewith.  
☐ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ No such person, concern or organization exists.  
☐ Each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME  
ADDRESS

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Nonprofit Organization

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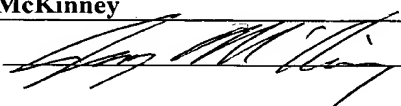
FULL NAME  
ADDRESS

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF INVENTOR Jerry McKinney

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 

DATE: 7-15-00

NAME OF INVENTOR \_\_\_\_\_

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